

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2017

The Hollywood Park City Council met in a regular session on January 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall. Notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Laws.

Mayor Chris Fails called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Steve Phillips, Debbie Trueman, Chris Murphy and Cullen Schwarz. Also present: City Treasurer-Kristina Marsico, Fire Chief- John Butrico, Police Chief- Shad Prichard, City Attorney- Michael Brenan and City Secretary-Janice Alamia. Absent: Councilman David Neugebauer

PRESENTATIONS:

- Armstrong, Vaughn & Associates: Phil Vaughn reported the outcome of the annual 2015-2016 fiscal audit. He stated there was a clean opinion although there was a turnover in finance which led to a few more journal entries than usual. There were mistakes made by the past City Treasurer but Kristina Marsico, the current City Treasurer has made those corrections so he stated there should be no problem in the future. Mr. Vaughn stated the City was in good shape and the revenues came in at just under 3.8 million in the General Fund which was better than your budget projected and expenditures were also better than the projected budget. He stated the city had approximately 8 months of operating costs and most healthy cities usually have 3 to 6 months so we have a healthy fund balance. Mr. Vaughn went on to state as of 9/30 we have enough in the Voigt Center Funds to cover what is left on this contract and a little bit more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ MAYOR AND CITY EMPLOYEES:

1. Fire Report: Chief Butrico gave his 2016 annual report to Council.
2. Police Report: Chief Prichard gave his monthly report to Council.
3. Financial report: City Treasurer, Kristina Marsico stated the Voigt Project was on budget and presented the report to Council.
4. City Secretary report: City Secretary, Janice Alamia introduced the Business of the Month.
5. City Attorney report: None
6. Mayors report: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve the Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting 12/20/2016.
2. Accept the Financial Statements as of 12/31/2016.
3. Authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement between the Bexar County Elections Administrator on behalf of Bexar County, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and the Town of Hollywood Park pursuant to the Texas Election Code Section 271.002(a), for the May 6, 2017 election.
4. Approve an Ordinance ordering a General Election to be held on the 6th day of May, 2017 for the election of City Council members for Places 1, 3 and 5. This Ordinance

authorizes the engagement of the Bexar County Elections Administrator to conduct the elections that will be held jointly with other governmental entities in Bexar County. Councilwoman Trueman stated there was a correction to be made on the minutes. Page 36, 2 lines above number 5 “concerning the TCEQ restrictions with the Miller property that will **NOT** be used for additional Voigt parking....” The word **NOT** needs to be removed.

Councilman Murphy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety, with corrections to the minutes requested. Councilwoman Trueman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss /Take Possible Action to approve boundary agreement between Brent and Cindy Lane and the Town of Hollywood Park.
 - a. Citizen Comments:
 - Brent/Cindy Lane: Mr. Lane stated their property line was common with Voigt Park and was accurate until the rear most 25% behind the retaining wall on Panther Springs Creek. He went on to state there is a portion where the fence merges toward Voigt Park, so that looking at it; part of their property is on Voigt Park. So rather than trying to change the property line, they would like to have a gentlemen’s agreement that they will maintain the property and have it as a green space buffer to separate private use from public use now and in the future.
 - b. Discussion: CM Phillips stated the City needs to indemnify ourselves. Mayor Fails stated that was in the agreement and Mr. Lane does not want this to dissolve at the sale of this property. CM Phillips agreed with the Lanes request. CM Trueman stated she did not see any harm in this because it is in the city’s advantage. CM Schwartz said he was in complete agreement. City Secretary, Janice Alamia read CM Neugebauer’s statement into the record at CM Neugebauers request. “I am not in agreement with the motion to approve the boundary agreement. I feel there needs to be lease agreement with some sort of financial arrangement in place for use of city property. We are otherwise providing amenities to the Lanes not provided to other residents.” The City Attorney stated if the Council wanted to approve the agreement with the change the Lanes requested [not to change at sale of property] he could do so if the Council wanted to move on with the approval. CM Trueman made the motion with the changes requested by the Lanes. Seconded by CM Phillips. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss /Take Possible Action to approve cleaning of air conditioning units on properties listed on exhibit “A”. This is due to the dust homeowners are enduring during construction.

- a. Citizen Comments:
 - Cindy Lane/613 El Portal: Mrs. Lane stated she mentioned this to the City Secretary because they were having their HVAC worked on at one of their rental properties and the vendor stated the importance of keeping the compressor free of dirt and soot. It can blow up the motor if this is not done. Considering the unusual amount of dirt being piled on our HVAC units on El Portal because of the construction I wanted to inform the City Secretary.
 - b. Discussion: CM Murphy stated he knew about this type of situation since he had to go through a similar situation when Donella Street was being redone and each homeowner had to take care of their own personal property. CM Trueman stated this is a bad can of worms to open up so she is not in favor of this. CM Phillips stated this should be done because this was a hardship for residents on El Portal and this is a very inexpensive solution. CM Schwarz stated he was in favor of this also and we could use contingency monies for this from the Voigt Project. Mayor Fails stated he would rather use General Fund monies since the Voigt Project is not finished he would rather not touch that contingency money. CM Neugebauers comments were read into the record; "The recommendation includes the entire 600 block of El Portal. What about the neighbors on the back side of Voigt? I am not in favor of this. We did not clean the AC equipment for the residents on Donella." CM Trueman stated where would we draw the line and this is opening a whole new can of worms. CM Phillips stated we should have more discussion. CM Murphy stated we should bring it to vote as the motion states now. CM Murphy made the motion to disapprove the motion. CM Phillips seconded the motion. The motion to disapprove was passed with Councilmembers Phillips, Trueman and Murphy voting to disapprove and Councilmember Schwarz voting to approve.
2. Discuss /Take Possible Action on whether the Town of Hollywood Park should enter talks with the City of San Antonio concerning a Fire Department proposal.
- a. Citizen Comments: CM Phillips called a point of order. He stated he wanted to thank everyone for being there. He stated that it was the Councils responsibility to introduce this because it is a cost savings of well over a half a million dollars. He wanted to apologize for all the angst this has caused. He urged the Mayor to research this option and introduce this at a Council meeting. But since the residents have spoken their will; he understands this is not an option the residents want. Therefore he would like to strike this from the agenda since there is no support for this. CM Trueman stated she did not want to just push this off but wants to vote to ensure we do not pursue talks with COSA.
 - Brent Lane/613 El Portal: I was asked to be the President of the EDC by Mayor Boehlke to come in and backfill the lost revenue from the lost Fire contract. I think we need to continue conversations with HCV. He does not support getting rid of the Fire department.
 - Sudie Sartor/505 El Portal: I do not support getting rid of the Fire Department. We need to officially make contact with HCV.
 - AC Johnson/300 Sky Forest: Joining COSA will only be an increase to residents. First it is the Fire department than the Police department. The residents should be able to vote.

- Tonya Cummings/129 Grand Oak: The Fire department is always there to help and COSA is not going to do that for us. People move into HP for the Fire and Police departments. There is a difference between the cost of something and the value of something.
- Justin Moore/109 Antelope: When we make a critical decision the price tag is only part of the decision. The Fire dept plays a critical role in our City and outsourcing is not a good idea.
- Nancy Swan/316 Meadowbrook: COSA response time is much slower than our Fire department. We have EMT's and Paramedics readily available and is not so at COSA.
- Felipe Santos/14 Amber Creek: We do not support the Fire department leaving Hollywood Park. Several COSA fire departments have closed in recent years.
- Sara Kennington/329 Sky Forest: She state she appreciated the Council and the work they do. She was raised in Hollywood Park and lives here now. People want to be here because of our first responders.
- Rob Tiedman/219 Sequoia: We are new residents and plan to retire here. But one of the reasons I moved here was because of our own Fire and Police departments.
- April Bergan: I live 90 miles west of San Antonio because my son has a multitude of disabilities. He has a food disorder in which we beg our son to eat. We searched out the HP Fire Department in an effort to help my son with his feeding sessions. These are the little touches that you have in your Fire Department that they provide to others.
- Anne Clark/205 El Cerritto: I am concerned with the Bond and things have not flowed smoothly. You are robbing Peter to pay Paul. Where is the money going? Why are we farming out our Fire Department?
- Bob Moore/205 Sunway: I met with the guys at the Fire station and with the Fire department at COSA. I am a former Councilmember also. I support keeping our Fire department.
- Michael Howe/124 Cueva: Mayor, I believe your communication with COSA was an urgent need to find cash. I believe the Voigt project is over budget and getting rid of the fire department will free up cash. Do we have any money back in the Bond, what has been paid and what is left?
- Sean Vincent: The people have spoken and I agree with what has already been stated.
- Weedge Henderson/303 Rua De Matta: One of the most important things we have in Hollywood Park is our Fire department. I emailed three councilmembers and only one councilmember and the Mayor emailed me back.
- Mike Drury/136 Tiger Tail: We support the Fire department and that is what is best for the city.
- Karen McIntyre/540 Rua De Matta: I had to call the Fire department at one time and I believe my loved one would not be here today if not for the service they provided to my family.
- Becky Schultz/117 Mecca: One of the reasons we moved to Hollywood Park was because of the Fire department and Police department.

- Gary Rogers/203 Donella: Response time is of fundamental importance since I have had to call the Fire department before and they were there immediately.
- Chris Boehlke/116 Garrapata: We need more transparency with the decisions the Council is making. Let's keep our Fire department.
- Barbara Keener: The Fire department is very important to us all. As an HOA member they help us all the time. Let us move forward.
- Sabrina Awns/209 Meadowbrook: I have a child that has had serious medical issues so it is important to me to have the Fire department.
- Gloria Robles/138 Antler Circle: When Tim McCallum went to negotiate our contract with HCV he did not succeed. This should not be done by one person alone but by several people.
- Terese Calavic/316 Sagecrest: I am the caregiver for my parents and losing the Fire department would be a disaster for my family. I have spoken to the Police department and they need more officers.

[CM Trueman made a request for the City Secretary to note on the minutes that the Council Chambers were standing room only]

- b. Discussion: CM Murphy stated there is no link between the Voigt Project and discussion about the Fire department. CM Neugebauers statement: "I feel discussion is very premature to present this issue to Council. There are facts that have not been conveyed to include the reason Hill Country Village left and the possibility of getting them back to assist in relieving the financial burden. I understand Councilwoman Trueman was on the Council at this time and her input is invaluable. The notification to the community was premature. There needs to be work sessions to assess the facts. This issue needs to be tabled until the community has sufficient information for discussion." CM Trueman stated that this was not premature, and in late November the Mayor showed her the proposal COSA had given us. She went on to state that she received a call before Christmas from someone stating we were about to go under contract with COSA for Fire services. She called the Mayor and let him know our firefighters needed reassurance they are still employed. She went on to state the Mayor said to her he was receiving pressure to speak with COSA concerning the Fire department from the other side. She thanked everyone for turning up tonight. CM Schwarz stated he was not giving anyone pressure so it was not coming from him. Mayor Fails stated when he received the contract proposal from COSA the first person he reached out to was Debbie Trueman in an effort of transparency. He wanted to have discussion with the Council first to see if this was something they wanted to pursue first. As stated by the auditors tonight, Hollywood Park is in good financial standing so there is no need to have to find money to cover any other projects. If we did, it would have to come to Council for vote. CM Trueman made a motion for Hollywood Park to never enter into talks with COSA concerning the Fire department proposal. Seconded by CM Schwarz. The motion passed unanimously.


3. Discuss /Take Possible Action to establish a citizen budget oversight committee to begin the work on next year's budget along with a 3, 5 and 10 year plan.

- a. Citizen Comments:

- Sudie Sartor/505 El Portal: She stated this was a fabulous idea and well overdue.
- b. Discussion: Comments read into the minutes from Councilmember Neugebauer; "I feel the community needs all the facts indicated. This committee would be responsible for reviewing the costs to run the city which includes Administration, Fire, Police, in addition to streets and drainage improvements. Citizens continually request relief from drainage from the back side of the Park. During my term on Council we have never addressed this issue." The Mayor agrees that once the initial budget has been completed for 5 and 10 years and has been in place then perhaps they could meet quarterly or as they see fit. Each Council member will appoint one person to be on this committee but the Mayor will not appoint anyone. CM Murphy made the motion and CM Trueman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business, Mayor Fails adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING APPROVED AS SUBMITTED (X)
CORRECTED () THIS 21 DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.



Mayor, Chris Fails

ATTEST:



City Secretary, Janice Alamia